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DOYLE WELCOMES FEDERAL
SECURITY DIRECTOR TO GRIA

Monroe County Executive Jack Doyle today welcomed David Bassett, the first Federal Security Director (FSD) assigned to the Greater Rochester International Airport.

The position of Federal Security Director was created by the Aviation and Transportation Security Act and signed by President Bush on November 19, 2001. The new FSDs will fill a crucial gap in aviation security by providing, for the first time, a clear line of authority for security at airports nationwide.

"I am very happy the position has been filled and am pleased to welcome Mr. Bassett and his family to Monroe County," said Doyle. "His presence here signals the transition of responsibility for airport security to the federal government as mandated by Congress just one year ago. I know his professional background and experience will assure a continued high level of safety and security for the public flying in and out of GRIA."

"My family and I have greatly enjoyed the brief time we have spent here in Rochester and are looking forward to completing our move," said Bassett. "I am extremely honored to have been selected as the Federal Security Director for the Greater Rochester International Airport. The airport management, airline representatives, local law enforcement and firefighters have made me feel most welcome."

"As I learn more about the day to day operations of the facility here, it has become evident that it is very well run," said Bassett. "I see my role here as not only focused on security, but on providing a service to our key stakeholders. I plan on working very closely with the team here to ensure that we provide airport users with the service that they have every right to expect."

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"We will be working cooperatively with the new FSD to make the transition as seamless as possible," said Airport Director Terry Slaybaugh. Mr. Bassett will add a federal perspective to the security operations while our goal will continue to assist and accommodate the convenience factor for business and leisure flyers using the Greater Rochester International Airport."

David Bassett is a commander in the U.S. Navy Special Operations with 17 years of Active Duty or Reserve service. He commands USCINCEUR DET 208, a Reserve unit that supports Headquarters United States European Command, Germany. Bassett has extensive background in anti-terrorism and force protection, NATO intelligence, explosive ordinance disposal, and has been responsible for recruiting, training, evaluating and deploying security forces to Europe and the Middle East.

Bassett also has civilian experience in positions that include firms such as Oracle and Baxter. He has a bachelor's degree in business administration management from California State University at Sacramento. He also is responsible for the Elmira-Corning Regional Airport, Horseheads, N.Y.; Binghamton Regional Airport, Johnson City, N.Y.; and Tompkins County Airport, Ithaca, N.Y.

Bassett will be directly responsible for a full range of airport security, enforcement and oversight, including:
- The efficient implementation, performance and enhancement of security and screening standards for airport employees.
- Airport security risk assessments.
- Supervision of federal law enforcement activity within the purview of the TSA.
- Organizing and implementing the Federal Security Crisis Management Response Plan for each airport.

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